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Dear Ms. Billington and Mr. Couch,

I am writing to request that you do **not** fund or partially fund the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (SVIRWM) Implementation Proposal.

The majority of the implementation projects are detrimental to Butte County's residents, economy, and the environment (including the more than 20 proposed production wells tapping into the aquifer). The SVIRWM Plan was developed without full input from the entities that will be most impacted by the projects and strategies, such as the cities of Chico and Oroville, as well as those with private

wells, and the public at large.

The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) and its Joint Powers Authority (JPA) do not represent Butte County nor does the SVIRWM Plan represent the public's interest. The Plan, which is necessary to apply for implementation grants, fails as a "grassroots, bottom-up program comprised of many projects, plans, and partnerships with common objectives and a long-term vision." The SVIRWM Plan should be rejected and implementation funding denied due to the absence of a genuine, regional plan.

The SVIRWM Plan failed to provide an accurate assessment of the existing conditions of the aquifer, surface and subsurface hydrologic flow processes, and estimates of conditions under prolonged droughts. Until this level of analysis is conducted, funding the preliminary projects that are necessary for extraction and storage projects is premature.

There is not a water shortage in California as claimed by NCWA's JPA, the applicant. for the SVIRWM Implementation Proposal. The California Water Plan, released in 2005, indicates that water demand will decline in the next 25 years even with population increases (see link below). Using the same model the state used for its projections, the Pacific Institute found that California could actually *decrease* water use by 20% over the next 25 years while maintaining a vibrant economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

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